

DELPHIA



From photograph made about 1850 by R. Newell & Son.

Old Mint Building, 7th Street Above Filbert.

FIRST U. S. MINT IS BEING RAZED

Interesting Photograph of Ancient Structure, Taken About 1850,
Newly Shown in Print.

PICTURES of the first United States Mint are familiar enough, but the photograph reproduced here, it is believed, never has been published before. At least it is unfamiliar. It was taken about the year 1850, and shows Seventh street as it has not appeared for a generation. It is particularly pertinent at this time because the original building, which is in the rear of the two structures shown in the photograph, is now being demolished, and the same fate awaits these buildings, which front on Seventh street above Filbert.

The two old plaster-fronted buildings, which once were a part of the first United States Mint, were erected some years ago. The original structure, which, until a few weeks ago, stood on the back part of the lot. The rear building was used for the smelting and coining departments and the front buildings for the superintendent and clerical staff of the Mint. These buildings were erected about the year 1800,

while the coining and smelting house was built in 1792.

In these cramped quarters the coinage of the United States was conducted for nearly 40 years, when the handsome building at Juniper and Chestnut streets was erected, and believed to be sufficiently spacious for the Government's needs for a century or more. But 20 years ago it became evident that the quarters on Chestnut street were far too small for the purpose, and after years of agitation for desirable locations the present Mint, at Seventeenth and Spring Garden streets, was built. After the experience in the past it would be exceedingly rash to predict how many years the new Mint will be able to supply the country's demand for coin. It seems to be an impression that the new structure will be ample for another generation, or if not, that the Mints in other parts of the country, among them, can be relied upon to supply the deficiency.

FOUND THIS ARTICLE IN THE ARCHIVES OF FORMAN & BAUER INC. DONT BELIEVE ITS EVER BEEN
PUBLISHED IN OUR TIME. YOUR NEW RESTAURANT, WAS THE RECIPIENT OF A TWO PAGE SPREAD IN
PHILA DAILEY NEWS FEB 4TH 1994. I WILL SEND IT UNDER SEPERATE COVER ON FEB 7TH. A REAL NICE
WRITE UP. STAY WELL ~~REXREX~~ REGARDS TO YOUR MRS.